PREFACE.

HAVING now brought to a concluſion the firſt Volume of the PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL MUSEUM, it is incumbent on the Editor to return his warmeſt acknowledgments to thoſe Gentlemen who have ſo kindly patronized the undertaking.

The value of a work of the preſent deſcription, muſt evidently depend on the importance of the communications committed to the charge of the Editor; and he may juſtly boaſt of the excellence of thoſe ſpecimens which the preſent Volume preſents to the public. The addition of the Engravings, unpromiſed in the proſpectus of the work, (whilſt they add ſo greatly to its value, and are ſo creditable to the improvement of the arts amongſt us;) muſt be conſidered as a ſtrong proof of the deſire to render it of as much utility, at the moſt moderate expense, as lies in our power.

The Editor may be permitted to congratulate his Medical Brethren, on the flattering proſpects which two *additional* periodical publications muſt neceſſarily produce in the ſcience of medicine throughout the extenſive regions of America. When it is conſidered that but a few years have elapſed ſince the firſt work of this kind was carried into effect, we cannot but regard it as highly characteriſtic of the increaſing energy of our ſcientific reſearches.

The approbation which this work has already received, cannot but prove highly grateful to the Editor; and, whilſt he ſolicits a continuance of that aid he has already ſo largely ſhared; he can only ſay, that no exertions on his part will be wanting, to render the Medical Muſeum as extenſively uſeful as poſſible. This, he truſts, he ſhall be able to effect, by the meaſures adopted to receive as ſoon as poſſible the earlieſt European publications connected with medicine, as well as by the experience he has now acquired, which he hopes will render this Work each year, more and more worthy the acceptance of the medical world.

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